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In Re Application of: Charles Clendenning

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: EXCAVATING TOOTH ASSEMBLY

AMENDMENT "A"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box: **NON-FEE AMENDMENT**  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responding to a September 9, 1999 Office Action (Paper No. 15), kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 14, 15 and 17 through 28.

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Please amend Claim 29 as follows:

27 29. (Amended) An assembly for releasably attaching an excavating tooth to an excavating implement, comprising:

an adapter defining a longitudinal axis and having a base portion attachable to the excavating implement and a nose portion extending forwardly from the base portion, said nose portion having laterally spaced sides and converging upper and lower surfaces terminating at a forward end, said adapter defining an elongated aperture open at opposite ends and defining a

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